In re: Adam R Grossman Debtor Case No. 10-19817-MLB Chapter 7

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Judge Marc L. Barreca 1 Hearing Location: Room 7106 700 Stewart St., Seattle, WA 98101 2 Hearing date: August 30, 2013 Hearing time: 9:30 a.m. 3 Response due: August 23, 2013 4 5 6 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR 7 THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE 8 IN RE: CHAPTER 7 9 CASE NO. 10-19817 ADAM GROSSMAN, 10 TRUSTEE'S MOTION FOR ORDER CONFIRM-ING THAT REAL PROPERTY IS PROPERTY OF 11 THE ESTATE; AND NOTICE OF HEARING 12 Debtor. 13 Creditors, Parties-in-Interest and the Clerk of the Court TO: 14 15 I. NOTICE 16 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the below motion shall be heard on Friday, August 30, 2013 at 17 9:30 a.m. before Judge Marc L. Barreca at the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, U.S. Courthouse, Room 18 7106, 700 Stewart Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101. The Clerk is requested to note the motion on 19 the docket for that date and time. 20 21 PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, in accordance with local rules, any responses or 22 objections to the below motion must be made in writing and the original filed with the US Bankruptcy 23 Court, in Room 6301, US Courthouse, 700 Stewart Street, Seattle, Washington 98101, one copy served 24 upon Judge Barreca via the Court's electronic case filing ("ECF") system or via the Clerk's Office, and 25 one copy served upon the undersigned no later than the "Response due" date shown in the upper 26 27 TRUSTEE'S MOTION AND

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right hand corner of this pleading. If responses or objections are not timely filed, the Court may strike the hearing and enter an order granting the relief requested.

II. MOTION

COMES NOW Ronald G. Brown, the trustee in the above entitled case, and moves the Court for an order as follows: (a) confirming that the real property located at 868 Montcrest Drive, Redding, California (the "Montcrest Property") is property of the estate; (b) amending the May 16, 2011 order authorizing the Trustee's employment of Rob Middleton and the House of Realty, Inc. (Docket No. 163) to include the Montcrest Property among the property for which the Trustee may employ Mr. Middleton as his real estate agent; and (c) authorizing the Trustee to execute any agreements, instruments or any other documents which he deems, in his sole discretion, necessary to carry out the requested order.

A. Relevant Background

The relevant history and background, on a chronological basis, related to this motion may be summarized as follows:

The present case was commenced under Chapter 11 on August 19, 2010. At the time of filing, the Debtor and his then spouse, Jill Borodin, were engaged in dissolution proceedings in King County Superior Court (Cause No. 09-3-02955-9-SEA, hereinafter, the "Dissolution Action""). On October 22, 2010, Ms. Borodin filed a motion for appointment of a Chapter 11 trustee [Docket No. 32]. In the motion, Ms. Borodin stated that a trustee needed to be appointed for, among other reasons, the following: (a) "With hundreds of thousands of dollars at stake, and the possibility of recovering large sums as fraudulently and/or preferentially transferred, the cost of appointing a trustee in this case is well-justified." [Docket No. 32 at page 9, lines 2 - 8]; and (b) "[D]ue to the tremendous interest of the creditors of the estate to recover substantial sums as fraudulent and/or preferential transfers, it is in the best interests of creditors that the Debtor remain under the Bankruptcy Court's supervision in a Chapter

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Ms. Borodin filed an ex parte motion on November 9, 2010 requesting confirmation that the automatic stay was not in effect pursuant to §362(c)(4) (due to two Chapter 11 case filings of the Debtor within the year prior to filing the present case). On November 12, 2010, the Court entered an order on Ms. Borodin's ex parte motion wherein it held that "The automatic stay under 11 U.S.C. §362(a) is not in effect." Docket No. 61.

A divorce decree was entered in the Dissolution Action on December 14, 2010 (the, "Decree"). A copy of the relevant excerpts of the Decree is attached as Exhibit A to the Declaration of Trustee's Attorney in Support of Motion for Order Confirming That Real Property Is Property of the Estate (hereinafter, the "Declaration", a copy of which is on file with the Court and available via ECF). The Decree characterized and divided the marital property. The Decree recognized that the Montcrest Property was community property and awarded it to Ms. Borodin. The Decree further provided for the Debtor to transfer the Montcrest Property to Ms. Borodin and if he did not, for a third party to be appointed under CR 70 to make the transfer.

The Bankruptcy Court granted Ms. Borodin's motion for appointment of a trustee on December 22, 2010. Ronald G. Brown was thereafter appointed trustee.

Post-bankruptcy, the Debtor transferred his interest in the Montcrest Property and various other pieces of real property without Court authorization (hereinafter collectively the, "Transfers"). The Trustee commenced an adversary proceeding to avoid the Transfers (Adversary Proceeding # 11-01954 which is hereinafter called, the "Adversary Action").² The Court subsequently entered a series of

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¹ In her motion for appointment of a trustee, Ms. Borodin acknowledged that among the potential claims a trustee would pursue is avoidance of post-bankruptcy transfers. *See,* Docket No. 32 at 6, lines 29 - 43 and at 7, lines 1-3.

² The Adversary Action was commenced after the date of entry of the order, upon the Trustee's motion, converting the case to Chapter 7 (March 11, 2011). Ronald G. Brown was appointed as the Chapter 7 trustee.

default orders and default judgments avoiding the Transfers. Docket Nos. 30, 82 and 123.³ In the Findings of Fact Conclusion of Law and Default Judgment [Docket No. 30], the Court ordered, among other things, that the Montcrest Property together with the other real property subject to the Action "is quieted in the name of the trustee" as against defendant, Keywest Financial LLC.

The Trustee and Ms. Borodin negotiated a settlement, subject to Court approval, regarding the disposition of the Montcrest Property. The main terms of that settlement may be summarized as follows: The parties would stipulate that the Montcrest Property is property of the estate for purposes of the settlement and the Adversary Action. The Trustee would sell the property and obtain any further necessary orders to avoid and wipe out all post-petition liens relating thereto. The net proceeds of sale would be used to pay the legal fees related to the Trustee's avoidance of liens and sale of the property. The balance of the net proceeds would be paid to Ms. Borodin except to the extent of \$10,000 which would be applied to pay any community property claims Ms. Borodin was ordered to pay in the Dissolution Action.⁴ After notice and hearing, the Court denied the motion to approve the settlement. The Trustee subsequently pursued negotiations with Ms. Borodin regarding a revised settlement which were unsuccessful. Since negotiations broke down, the Trustee has further researched the status of the Montcrest Property and concluded that it more than likely is property of the estate.⁵ Accordingly, he seeks an order confirming that the Montcrest Property is property of estate so that he can move forward with liquidating it (the last known asset of the estate) and close the case.

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³ The Court entered a default judgment in the Action avoiding the transfer of the Montcrest Property against Defendant, Evergreen Home Mortgage Services, Inc. Docket No. 123. In addition, the Court entered an order of default as to the only other known party claiming any title to the Montcrest Property, the 868 Montcrest Drive Family Trust.

⁴ As of the time of the settlement, there did not appear to be any claims filed in the bankruptcy that fail within that category.
⁵ This represents a change in the Trustee's understanding and position. In prior pleadings, the Trustee indicated his

understanding that the Montcrest Property was not property of the bankruptcy estate but, notwithstanding same, the equity in the property had to be used to pay the community claims of the bankruptcy estate.

Rob Middleton has served as the Trustee's real estate agent pursuant to order entered on May 16, 2011 [Docket No. 163, hereinafter the "May 16th Order"]. With Mr. Middleton's assistance, upon Court authorization, the Trustee sold two properties located in Redding. Based upon informal consultations with Mr. Middleton, the Trustee believes that the Montcrest Property has a value of about \$205,000. The Trustee has reviewed a title report for the Montcrest Property. It shows that the it ostensibly the property is titled in the name of Terrington Davies Capital Management, LLC ("Terrington") and that the only encumbrance against the Property, taking into account the avoidance of Transfers described above, is a purported post-bankruptcy deed of trust for the benefit of Ptarmigan Real Estate Fund LLC ("Ptarmigan) for \$18,000. Terrington and Ptarmigan are entities used by the Debtor to, among other things, carryout the transfer of the Debtor's interest in the Montcrest Property on an unauthorized basis. Both entities are solely owned by the Debtor. If the Court grants the present motion, the Trustee will employ Mr. Middleton as his real estate agent to sell the Montcrest Property on the same terms proposed in the motion upon which the May 16th Order was entered (providing for a commission of 6% of the gross sale price). A copy of Mr. Middleton's proposed listing agreement is attached to the Declaration as Exhibit B.⁶

B. Analysis

Under well established bankruptcy law as of the date of bankruptcy filing, any separate property of Mr. Grossman as well as any property of the Grossman/Borodin marital community became property of the bankruptcy estate. 11 USC §541(a). Thus among other real property, the Montcrest property, which was indisputably property of the marital community (a fact confirmed by the Decree), became property of the bankruptcy estate on the date of filing. The Decree was entered after the bankruptcy but

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⁶ The copy of the agreement attached as Exhibit B is in substantially the form expected which the Trustee expects to execute. The Trustee, however, reserves all rights to revise the agreement to the extent he deems it necessary and appropriate to comply with applicable bankruptcy law.

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before any trustee was appointed. There is nothing of which the Trustee is aware in the Decree or order confirming that the stay was not in effect that stripped title to the Montcrest Property from the bankruptcy estate. A Bankruptcy Court's order granting relief from the stay is strictly construed. *See, In re Wardrobe,* 559 F.3d 932, 935 (9th Cir. 2009). In any event, Bankruptcy Courts have original and exclusive jurisdiction over property of a bankruptcy estate. 28 U.S.C. §§1334(a) and 1334 (e). *See, In re William N. Simon,* 153 F.3d 991 (9th Cir.1998). The Superior Court thus did not have jurisdiction, notwithstanding that the stay was not in effect, to enter an order removing the Montcrest Property from the bankruptcy estate. Furthermore, neither Ms. Borodin nor any third party have the power to transfer title of the Montcrest Property. Only the Trustee has the power subject to his avoidance of the Debtor's unauthorized post-bankruptcy transfer thereof.⁷

The Montcrest Property is thus property of the bankruptcy estate and the Trustee is entitled to entry of an ordering confirming same.

Any party who desires any further information regarding this motion, should contact the undersigned.

Conclusion

Therefore, the Trustee requests that the Court enter an order granting this motion.

DATED this 15th day of July, 2013

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